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SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator Stuhr. Senator Coordsen, you are recognized to speak.

SENATOR COORDSEN: Thank you, Madam President, members of the body. I was quite interested in Senator Chambers' last presentation, because I think he's hit upon something. As I understood what he said, we would be better served if we used this opportunity on 585 to do two things--one, is to remove all fines, because they have no value in controlling traffic or modifying drivers' behavior patterns; and the other would be an amendment to repeal the speed limits where they exist in the state of Nebraska, if I followed the logic of the conversation. Maybe that's a good idea. Wyoming tried that for a little while, and found that that was not conducive to good traffic movement. But if we follow the line of reasoning that has been presented to us, that in fact is what we will do, or should do. Recognizing that all drivers are very skilled and most certainly would not operate a motor vehicle beyond what is reasonable and proper, given the circumstances of the weather, the placement, the traffic conditions, the volume of traffic, and any of those things, I recall in 1996, again something that I neglected to mention earlier, was that in the process of looking at what should we do with respect to the speed limits in the state of Nebraska, when the federal government lifted the restrictions that they had impacted all of the states with, the proposal that one time existed in Transportation Committee, not on the floor, with a dual limit, a higher limit on the lesser traveled sections, and a lower limit on those sections from...first from between Lincoln and Douglas County, and then between York and Douglas County, and ultimately a compromise was reached where the determination of the amount of fine for a speed was taken from the court administrator and placed into state law, and the first two categories, 10 and 25, were in fact put into place for the fudge factor. And, as I recall from the travel on the interstate that I do, that traffic flowed pretty well at speeds at or below the new speed limit. As traffic became accustomed to it, it has increased. Senator Chambers makes a good point, or someone did, about enforcement. Without seeing a member of the State Patrol's vehicle, simply by the traffic speed you know whether they are out on the road or not, because people do know how fast they're driving. It's not done accidentally under